

SUPREME COURT OF INDIANA

In the Matter of Kristin R. Willadsen

950 N.E.2d 300 (Ind. 2011) · No. No. 18S00-1104-DI-247 · Decided July 20, 2011

SUMMARY

The Indiana Supreme Court approved a conditional agreement disciplining Kristin R. Willadsen for violating Indiana Professional Conduct Rule 8.4(b) after pleading guilty to public intoxication. The Court imposed a 180-day suspension, stayed subject to two years of probation with monitoring by the Indiana Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, and assessed proceeding costs against her.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Indiana
JURISDICTION	Indiana
DECIDED	July 20, 2011
DOCKET	No. 18S00-1104-DI-247
DISPOSITION	approved
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Indiana Supreme Court reviewed and approved a Statement of Circumstances and Conditional Agreement for Discipline submitted jointly by the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission and respondent attorney Kristin R. Willadsen.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published disciplinary order approving agreed discipline; binding as to the disciplinary disposition and the approved resolution of respondent's misconduct, but not a broad criminal-law precedent.

TOPICS

probation criminal procedure remedies

PRACTICE AREAS

attorney discipline professional responsibility lawyer misconduct legal ethics
conditional suspension and probation

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the stipulated facts established that respondent violated Indiana Professional Conduct Rule 8.4(b).

2. Whether the court should approve the parties' proposed discipline of a 180-day suspension stayed subject to two years of probation and JLAP monitoring.

HOLDINGS

1. The court approved the parties' agreement that Willadsen violated Indiana Professional Conduct Rule 8.4(b) by committing a criminal act that reflected adversely on her fitness as a lawyer.
2. The court approved a 180-day suspension from the practice of law, stayed in full subject to two years of probation with JLAP monitoring, with the suspension subject to activation if respondent violated probation.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The Court, having considered the submission of the parties, now approves the following agreed discipline.”
(950 N.E.2d at 300)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

On November 11, 2010, Kristin R. Willadsen appeared in Knightstown Town Court while slurring her speech and appearing unsteady on her feet. She was arrested for and later pleaded guilty to public intoxication, a class B misdemeanor. She self-reported the arrest and conviction, contacted the Indiana Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, entered into a monitoring agreement, and completed an intensive outpatient treatment program.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Willadsen was arrested for and later pleaded guilty to public intoxication after appearing unsteady and slurring her speech in Knightstown Town Court. She self-reported the arrest and conviction, entered into a monitoring agreement with the Indiana Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, and jointly submitted an agreed disciplinary proposal to the Indiana Supreme Court. The court approved the proposed discipline.

DISPOSITION

approved